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In re Application of	:	<b>Attn: Mail Stop Amendment</b>
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Serial No. 10/565,394	:	Examiner Hau Van Phan
Filed: January 23, 2006	:	<b>Confirmation No. 2050</b>
For: ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM FOR A VEHICLE	:	

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

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CLAIMS				SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		ADDIT. RATE	FEE	ADDIT. RATE	FEE
TOTAL 18	- 22	=	0	x 25 = \$		x 50 = \$	
INDEP 4	- 4	=	0	x 105 = \$		x 210 = \$	
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the September 25, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 2-8, 10-12, 14-16 and 18-22 are pending, with claims 2, 10, 14 and 19 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.